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EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

NOTICE.

THE following Regulations made by Her Majesty's Commissioner and Consul-General, with the approval of the Secretary of State, are published for general information.

(Signed) CLIFFORD H. CRAUFURD,
Her Majesty's Acting Commissioner and Consul-General.

Mombasa, September 13, 1899.

QUEEN'S REGULATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 45 OF "THE EAST AFRICA ORDER IN COUNCIL, 1897."

CUSTOMS.

The Customs Regulations hitherto in force in the East Africa Protectorate are hereby annulled without prejudice to anything done, or to be done, thereunder, and the following Regulations substituted therefor:—

Imports.

Manifest.

1. Commanders of all ships arriving in harbour are required to deliver to the custom-house within twenty-four hours after their arrival a true and full manifest of all merchandize and treasure to be landed or transhipped, and no goods shall be landed until such manifest has been delivered.

Boat note.

2. There must be sent with each boat-load or other dispatch of cargo sent from on board any vessel a *boat note* specifying the number of packages and the marks or numbers and other description of the goods.

This boat note is to be signed by a responsible officer of the vessel.

Exports.

Shipping order *visè* at custom-house.

3. No goods are to be taken on board any vessel unless accompanied by a shipping order issued from the agent's office, and duly *visé* at the custom-house.

In the case of dhows the usual pass note is sufficient.

Landing Cargo.

Registration of lighters, &c.

4. All boats, lighters, &c., used in landing cargo from vessels, or shipping cargo to vessels, must be properly registered and marked in such manner as may from time to time be prescribed by the port authority.

Place of landing.

5. All merchandize and goods must be *landed* at the custom-house only, except coal and kerosene oil, for which other stores are provided, unless permission has been previously obtained from the Customs authorities to land elsewhere, and then in the presence of a custom-house officer only.

Business hours.

6. The custom-house is open daily for the landing of goods from 7 A.M. to 5 P.M., and for delivery of goods from 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.

The custom-house is open daily to the public for paying duty, making declarations, applications for passes, and general business from 8 A.M. to 12 noon, and 2 P.M. to 4 P.M.

Saturday afternoons and public holidays are excepted, when landing only will be allowed in the case of cargo from mail-steamers, on special application being previously made in writing to the Chief of Customs.

Imports.

Declarations.

7. All goods imported shall be declared on a prescribed form to be obtained at the custom-house.

Production of invoices.

8. Importers and exporters are required to produce their original invoices in support of their declaration.

Valuation of merchandize.

9. The value of all goods and merchandize upon which duty is leviable *ad valorem* shall be either—

(*a.*) The wholesale cash price, less trade discount, for which goods of the like kind and quality are sold, or are capable of being sold, at the time and place of importation or exportation, as the case may be, without any abatement or deduction whatever (except in the case of goods imported) of the amount of the duties payable on the importation thereof; or

(*b.*) Where such price is not ascertainable, the cost at which goods of the like kind and quality could be delivered at such place, without any abatement or deduction, except as aforesaid.

Illegibly marked goods.

10. The Chief of Customs is not responsible for the incorrect delivery of goods illegibly marked or where marks are absent.

Storage three days free.

11. All goods landed at the custom-house after the expiry of three days (seventy-two hours) will be charged a warehouse rent according to the tariff already laid down, and to be obtained at the custom-house on application.

Storage of unclaimed goods.

12. All goods remaining in the custom-house over nine days (216 hours) without having been declared for transhipment will be considered as unclaimed, and taken charge of by the Customs authorities from the shipping agents, to whom a warehouse warrant will be given for them. The rent charged on these goods will be double the usual tariff.

Sale of unclaimed goods.

13. Goods which have remained unclaimed in the custom-house for six months from the date of landing may be sold after due notice by public auction, and all claims for duty, rent, and expenses may be deducted from the sale price.

Warehouse warrants.

14. Warehouse warrants will be granted for all goods given into the custody of the Customs authorities. The warrant will be issued to the person or firm actually handing the goods over to the Customs. Such goods will only be delivered against the production of a "delivery order" signed by the person or firm to whom the warrant was originally issued.

Gate passes.

15. No goods will be permitted to be removed from the custom-house unless accompanied by a gate-pass. No pass will be granted until the necessary declaration has been made, and all charges are paid. Passes are available for day of issue only; but in the case of goods not removed the same day on which the pass has been issued, it will be necessary that the alteration in date be noted and signed by the go-down keeper.

Transhipment goods.

16. Transhipment goods must eventually be shipped for the same foreign port of destination as declared on arrival, and must not change owners while lying in the Customs warehouse. After the expiration of six calendar months they will become liable to duty and all other charges for rent, &c.

17. Agents are required to supply the Customs authorities with a manifest of all cargo transhipped from one vessel to another in the harbour. Transhipment in harbour.

18. Perishable goods, such as fruits, dried fish, or fresh vegetables, &c., and damaged goods which are deteriorating, must be removed within four days after landing, or they may be sold on behalf of the owners by public auction, and all claims for duty, rent, and expenses may be deducted from the sale price. Perishable and damaged goods.

19. Only Government scales and weighing machines are allowed in the custom-house. These scales will be certified from time to time. A small fee will be charged for their use. Merchants can have the weight of their goods certified on payment of a-quarter anna per package, or 1 rupee per 100.

20. All animals must pass through the custom-house when imported or shipped, and all except sheep or goats must be lifted by the crane, for which there is a fixed tariff. Any animals found to be suffering from any disease will be dealt with as provided by the Cattle Disease Regulations Any animals found to be suffering from any injury, such as broken limb or from weakness consequent on the voyage, will be slaughtered in the custom-house, and if the medical officer considers the meat fit for human food, it may be taken into the town, otherwise it will be removed by the authorities. No claim for compensation against the Government can be admitted in the case of animals so destroyed and removed. Animals.

21. All fire-arms, ammunition, and explosives shall be deposited in the custody of the Chief of Customs, and shall be subject to such special Regulations as may from time to time be in force relating thereto. A copy of these Regulations may be obtained on application at the Office of the Chief of Customs. Notice of the expected arrival of any ship having a full or part cargo of explosives must be given in writing. Fire-arms, ammunition, explosives, &c.

22. Every person who may smuggle, or attempt to smuggle, into or out of the Protectorate any goods, article, or thing in contravention of these Regulations shall be liable to forfeit such goods, article, or thing; and any ship or boat engaged in smuggling, or attempting to smuggle, goods in contravention of these Regulations shall be liable to forfeiture. This Regulation shall not affect the liability of any such person to any other punishment provided by law, but he shall not be punished twice for the same offence. Smuggling.

(Signed) CLIFFORD H. CRAUFURD,
Her Majesty's Acting Commissioner and Consul-General.

Mombasa, September 13, 1899.

Approved:
(Signed) SALISBURY

SCHEDULE.

Tariff of Special Duties on Merchandize and Produce brought to the Ports in the Dominion of His Highness the Sultan of Zanzibar.

	Per cent.
1. Ivory	15 *ad valorem.*
2. Copal	15 „
3. India-rubber	15 „
4. Cloves, without distinction as to origin ...	30 „
5. Semsem, and Semsem oil	12 „
6. Orchilla weed coming from the district between Kismayu and Warsheik, both ports included ...	5 „
From all other districts	10 „
7. Ebony	5 „
8. Borities (Zanzibar poles and rafters)	10 „
9. Hides	10 „
10. Rhinoceros horn and hippopotamus teeth ...	10 „
11. Tortoise-shell	10 „
12. Cowry shells	5 „
13. Native tobacco	5 „
14. Chillies	10 „
15. Ground nuts	12 „

	Dol. c.	
16. Indian corn, Caffre corn Mawele, lentils, and all other similar grains and legumes	0 35	per gisla.*
17. Rice in husk	0 25	„ *
18. Chiroko	1 10	„ *
19. Camels	2 0	per each.
20. Horses	10 0	„
21. Cattle and donkeys	1 0	„
22. Sheep and goats	0 25	„

Import duty, 5 per cent. on the value of all goods and merchandize of whatever description imported by sea from foreign countries.

Tariff of Landing Charges Protectorate s.s. "Juba."

		Rs.	a.	p.
Furniture and ironmongery	per ton	3	8	0
Soap	„ case	0	1	0
Gunpowder	„ keg	0	1	0
Onions and potatoes	„ basket	0	1	0
Wines, spirits, kerosene oil, &c.	„ case	0	1	6
Oilman stores, ghee, &c.	„ „	0	2	0
Rice, sugar, wheat, grain, groceries, salt, dates, nuts, &c.	„ bag	0	3	0
Potatoes	„ case	0	2	0
Beer, ale, stout, &c.	„ „	0	3	0
Flour, tobacco, &c.	„ bag	0	3	0
Piece-goods—mats, bags, zinc sheets, glass and hardware, copper pots	„ bundle	0	6	0
Beads, wire, sulphur, flour, cement, &c. ...	„ casks	0	8	0
Cutch and Muscat bales	„ bale	1	4	0
Gunny bags	„ „	1	8	0

Tariff of Go-down Rent, and for Goods left on Custom Premises.

	Per week or under. Rs.	a.	p.
1. Very large packages, as those from Cutch, bales of empty gunnies, &c., per ton of wooden or iron material ...	0	4	0
2. Bundles empty mkandas, casks, bundle corrugated sheeting and large cases, &c.	0	2	0
3. Bales of piece goods, tobacco and ordinary cases ...	0	1	0
4. Rice, &c., bags	0	0	6
5. Ordinary mkanda, per tin, ghee Asali, and small packages	0	0	3
6. Every three planks	0	0	3

* This shall be a measure containing 360 lbs. weight of Caffre corn.

Fees of Keeping Custom-house open after Office Hours.

	Rs.	a.	p.
Saturday afternoon	30	0	0
Sunday	50	0	0
Night-work up to 10 P.M.	30	0	0
Night-work after 10 P.M.	50	0	0

Crane Tariff.

Rs.	a.	p.	
35	0	0	per day.
17	8	0	„ half-day or less.
4	0	0	„ hour after 6 P.M.
6	6	0	„ each horse.

Rs.	a.	p.	
6	6	0	per each camel.
2	2	0	„ „ bullock.
2	2	0	„ „ donkey.

Goods sold by Public Auction.

Commission (inclusive of sorting, collecting, and brokerage).
Piece-goods, 1 per cent. on proceeds of sale.
Ivory, $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. „ „
Other goods, 2 per cent. „ „

Five rupees is the minimum commission for which an auction will be held.
In case of goods withdrawn, 1 rupee per lot will be charged.

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2. Bundles empty mkandas, casks, bundle corrugated sheeting and large cases, &c.	0	2	0
3. Bales of piece-goods, tobacco, and ordinary cases ...	0	1	0
4. Rice, &c., bags	0	0	6
5. Ordinary mkanda, per tin, ghee Asali, and small packages	0	0	3
6. Every three planks	0	0	3

The passenger jetty cannot be used for the discharge or loading of goods unless permission is previously obtained from the Chief of Customs.

(Signed) A. MARSDEN,
Chief of Customs and Shipping.

Mombasa, September 13, 1899.

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